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DOCUMENT ON BERLIN WHICH GROMYKO GAVE ME OBVIOUSLY  
DRAFTED WITH EYE TO PUBLICATION AND SUGGEST WE SHOULD  
REPLY WITH SIMILAR DOCUMENT. DEPT WILL HAVE NOTED  
GREATER EMPHASIS GIVEN ODER-NEISSE LINE THAN INTERNAL  
BORDERS. ALSO USING ONLY BORDER QUESTION AS EXAMPLE  
OF "OTHER QUESTIONS" MAY INDICATE PARTICULAR SIGNIFICANCE  
SOVIETS ATTACH TO THIS ALTHOUGH THIS MAY MERELY BE DUE  
TO FACT THAT DESIRE TO SETTLE THIS PROBLEM IS ONE OF  
THEIR BEST ARGUMENTS FOR PEACE TREATY. PRESUME THAT  
WE COULD MEET HIS ARGUMENT ABOUT IMPOSSIBILITY HOLDING  
PLEBISCITE WHILE OUR TROOPS IN OCCUPATION BY OFFERING  
TO SUBSTITUTE UN TROOPS UNTIL AFTER PLEBISCITE SINCE  
SOVIETS WOULD CERTAINLY NOT AGREE. ON OTHER HAND  
IMAGINE SUCH OFFER WOULD DISTURB WEST BERLINERS. IF WE  
WISH TO SEEK MEANS TO KEEP CONVERSATIONS GOING WE  
MIGHT PUT FORWARD MY SUGGESTION OF A CONFEDERATION  
OF ALL BERLIN. UNLESS SOME NEW ELEMENT INTRODUCED  
DIFFICULT SEE HOW CONVERSATIONS CAN BE KEPT GOING  
MUCH LONGER ON PRESENT BASIS ALTHOUGH GROMYKO CERTAINLY  
GAVE ME IMPRESSION SOVIETS NOT YET READY FOR BREAK  
AND IN ANY EVENT WOULD WANT TO PUT ONUS FOR BREAK ON  
US. THIS PROBLEM OBVIOUSLY ALSO RELATED TO POSSIBILITY  
OF FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING ON DISARMAMENT WHICH  
WOULD GIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGHER LEVEL DISCUSSION  
BERLIN PROBLEM.

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